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For Zion's Herald.

DIVINE FOREKNOWLEDGE.

MR. EDITOR.—A verbal account of a discussion in the Boston M. E. Preachers' Meeting, some weeks since, turned my thoughts to subject of the Divine Foreknowledge; and such speculations as those of the Syrup, cannot fail to interest, among numerous topics of interest in the community, and of

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Herald and Journal.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 1858.

OPENING OF THE DOLLAR SUBSCRIPTION.

After this week, we will send the Herald for the remainder of the year for ONE DOLLAR.

Let it be observed, that those who wish to commence with April must speak at once, as we will print only enough to supply our actual orders. Persons subscribing after that time will be supplied from the time when their subscriptions are received. Now is just the time to make this known.

PROVIDENCE CONFERENCE.

Norwich Conn., March 31.
The Conference came together at this morning; Bishop Scott is present to preside. Bishop Waugh was to have been with us, but has finished his work and been called up higher. The Conference is opened with religious services conducted by the venerable Daniel Webb. After which the bishop, assisted by a number of others, administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to the Conference, and the brethren and sisters of the membership present. How precious such a season of Christian fellowship to a band of itinerants! How solemn thus to renew their covenant with each other, and with their Master! The secretary called the roll, and only fifty-six responded to their names. A larger number than usual at the opening of the Conference are absent, being kept at home by the uncommon religious interest in their charges. We thank God, that these brethren are not among us, but he has poured out his Spirit so wonderfully of late. And still preachers and people feel that the good work has only fairly commenced. Ride on, thou glorious Releaser, from thy kingdom to request, until all nations shall submit to thy peaceful reign. Death has been busy in our ranks, and three of our number have fallen. These were not taken from the aged, but in the prime of manhood they have been snatched from their reward. What force this gives to the injunctions of thy gospel!

The Conference was organized by choosing M. Talbot secretary. A committee on nominations was then appointed. This committee nominated the usual committees, which were confirmed by the Conference. Bro. Griffin of the New York Conference, was introduced. At his request a committee was appointed, before which he wished to speak of the changes made against this name. Though the procession was commanded by the Advocate, and seemingly accepted in by the most of the church, we have done all we could, from the beginning, to shew the unrighteousness and absurdity of the proposed name.

A number of the disciplinary questions were taken up, and considerable business was done. Yet few of the items would be interesting to the readers of the Herald. Bro. H. C. Atwater's resolution was changed from supernumerary to effective. Bro. T. D. Blake's name was called, and his presiding elder stated that he was pious, laborious and successful; but suffered much for a long time, yet was happy and ready to depart; at last triumphantly departed to glory. In the afternoon Bro. G. M. Carpenter gave us a warm, earnest, and practical sermon. This was followed by a warm exhortation from Bro. E. Blake. The prospect is that our session will be short, harmonious, pleasant, spiritual.

Thursday, April 1.
The Conference meets at 8. Opening religious services are conducted by Bro. F. Upham. A report from the Book Committee, and a representation of its affairs by the agents, shew the Book Concern to be in a high state of prosperity. Notwithstanding the general position of business, its sales surpass those of other years, by ten thousand dollars. This is highly gratifying. The National Magazine has not a sustaining or paying circulation. It ought to go into many families where it does not. The Western Concern was also represented in the same manner, and seems to be about equally prosperous. A circular was read from Bro. Wise, representing the interests of the department under his care. Dr. Foy is introduced, and makes a few remarks upon the National, and the Tract Cause. He represents the Tract Society as having a great work to do, and as being able to perform a great work in Europe, France, Germany, &c., if the church will furnish it with the means. According to the requirement of the General Conference, tracts on Slavery have been published, and others are in course of preparation. To what to circulate denominational tracts, if Methodists no longer care of themselves, nobody will take care of them. As evidence, the Bible society is cited. The M. E. Church has not her voice heard in the management of that, according to the portion of the funds which she contributes. The Tract Society has a great work to do at home, disseminating our views of truth.

The names of the fathers who are superannuated are called, and their relations continued. A letter from Father Kent was read. He stated that he had been very sick, and in great pain for a long time; but his friends have relieved him, and he is spared by all. We give a few items of interest.

The good work continues in the Hanover Street and other Methodist churches of Boston. The meetings at the Old South are of great interest. On account of the great crowd at Father Mason's Chapel in North Street, Father Taylor has thrown open the doors of his Bethel, where a meeting is now held daily from 12 to 1 o'clock. Among the hopeful converts in Father Mason's society, is one who has been a professed Deist.

In East Boston, the Methodist Church in Merrimac Street, D. E. Chaplin, pastor, a revival has been enjoyed for more than a year and a half. This is but one of many of our churches in which revivals were enjoyed before this late universal interest. From 150 to 200 have professed conversion; the most of whom have united with the church on probation.

An increased feeling in favor of Temperance has manifested itself with the progress of the revival, producing a visible effect upon the business of the liquor dealers. Some of the bar-rooms are almost deserted of customers. It is said that there has not been so little drinking of intoxicating drinks in this city for many years as at the present time. Lager beer saloons have, however, increased.

In Lynn a gracious work has been enjoyed in the Methodist churches for some weeks. The Lynn Common Council, Rev. C. N. Smith pastor, has enjoyed a good work of grace, about eighty men added to his numbers. Working men's prayer meetings are held daily at the First Baptist Church, and a young men's prayer meeting daily held at the room of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Morning prayer meetings have been held in Taunton, for two weeks, in the Congregationalist, Baptist, and Methodist churches alternately. The attendance is now from 300 to 400 every morning, with a deepening solemnity. There are inquiries more or less in each of the congregations, and a few are rejoicing in hope. This week, a young men's prayer meeting is started at 7 o'clock each evening, to continue three-quarters of an hour. The meeting is held in a hall heretofore used as a "dancing room."

Our Congregational and Baptist exchanges report revivals in many towns in all the New England States.

The Western Christian Advocate, of the 24th Report, calls forth considerable discussion. This recommends that it be made a little larger or adapted to the wants of the religious community. If, then, it cannot secure a paying circulation, let it be discontinued. Dr. Foy proposed to give a little more religion into it, but not to

essentially change its character. It would not be creditable to the ministry, or the church, to let it die. The "hard times" have lessened its circulation; and also, subscribers have fallen off, on the one hand, because it is anti-slavery, and on the other, because it is not enough anti-slavery. Why is it that those who profess to be so much anti-slavery, cannot have a word said against the pecuniary institution, and endeavor to crush everything which dares to express their own avowed sentiments? Can any one give us light on this point?

It is desirable that this work should live. It means a want in the community, and fills a place which is that it will be filled with trash in many instances. The result was adopted, which gave us to the close of the session.

On Providence Conference. The hard times have greatly affected the pockets of many, but they have not much affected their hearts. I cannot yet estimate how our finances will stand as compared with other years. I however know that many of the preachers have, in their receipts, fallen greatly below their estimates. There must be a greater deficiency here than usual. I fear, too, that our charitable collections will come short. Our business goes on very smoothly, and I think this is due to the good spirit of the people. This was rapidly as usual. Bi-hop Sott: goes to us from the New England Conference. It is, therefore, quite important that our Conference close early. For this reason, the Conference will be adjourned session-to-morrow, as usual, though it is to be the annual Fast in this State.

Preaching in the afternoon, by Bro. N. Bemis. In the evening Dr. Foy preached. His sermon was a clear and simple unfolding of the proposition. Whatever Christ requires, he gives power to perform. This was followed by a powerful and practical application to the hearts of the hearers.

Friday, April 2.

Conference is opened with religious exercises, conducted by Bro. Baylies. The business proceeds in its usual order, yet few of the items would be interesting to the reader. Daniel Dorchester has recovered his health as to that of the army, and weight of metal to that of the enemy, and at the time of the contest was quite remarkable, the road had a very steep look, several of the milestones were down, most of the places unstruck and wrecked, and some villages utterly destroyed; unmistakable evidences of the stupid wickedness of those wrecks who wanted to show how much better they could ride India than the English had done!

It was two hours past midnight when we approached the outskirts of Delhi. The first object we saw was a large crowd of rebels who had crossed the river which the contest had wrought. "Lalow Castle," and all the other houses which gave shelter to the attacking party, are now entirely ruined, but one-half of some houses completely swept away.

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PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE ACTION
IN THE CASE OF REV. J. D. LONG.

SEMINAR OF THE MAINE LAW AND
WING IN MICHIGAN. By Rev. J. S. Dr. HAYEN. Dear Brother.—Your readers may be desirous of the action of our Conference on the case of Rev. J. D. Long, and on the slavery question generally. The case of Bro. Long was reached on the list of the superannuated at an early stage of the Conference.

Upon his name being called, Dr. Quigley arose and stated that he had charges to prefer against Bro. Long, which were handed to the secretary and read. "The charges and specifications, with the pages of the book noted were read, and with these your readers are all familiar. The bill of pressed extracts, consisting of distorted and disjointed sentences furnished Bro. Long upon his application to the prosecutor for more detailed information, and which are published in the *Wing*, are not to be found in the specifications as excepted to in the specifications which had never been furnished the defendant, and which were quite new.

Upon hearing the question occurred on their entertainment by the Conference, when a bill of exceptions was placed in the hands of the secretary, signed by James Cunningham and Dr. Castle, to which was appended a resolution that the charges, to the which the *Wing* and the *Brick Meeting-house*, under the direction of Bro. Long, had given birth, and added a little to the exodus, were nothing said in the above book

so much as that after it will prove

of apostasy. Bro. Smart is a veteran

of the cause, a man who can't be

and always has a good reason for

it in him. This book of 106 pages

is a statement of the origin, passage

by strategy, and of the fearful con-

ference. It also presents the programme

of the campaign, applicable to other States

for the full accomplishment of the tem-

perature.

By Mrs. C. W. Dennison. With

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New York; A. B. Durkee.—Had

I provided this book would have

sensation quite to that. It is a

reverberation of some of the evils incident

to the wing, upon a few features not before

Old Heby is a native African woman,

more than a century, and in whom Christ

is represented by the practical wisdom of

slavery.

Mr. Long and others, friends of pro-

gress, of any movement which would result

in dethroning slavery from the church, voted with a few of

the other side to bring on the cause; but the large

majority of those who voted against entitling the

charge were never suspected of having sympathy for

abolition. Mr. Cunningham, out of regard to the char-

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Poetry.

For Zion's Herald.

SPRING.

WRITTEN ON A SUDDENLY WARM DAY IN MARCH.
Old winter sat whistling away in his chair,
With loud and rude music was filling the air,
The birds were so glad to see him go,
To leave all his looks gray and old;
His voice, oft changing with grief and with age,
Now fullness was creating so much range,
And suddenly came the soft, tender song,
As a living heart mourns for an absent one;
Now hushed down so silent so sweet and so lost,
His snow-white wrap round him, he paused to rest.

Sweet Spring—she leaped forth—from the year's first rising,

Henceforth no buds—no blossoms full of balm;

There was light all around her, and mirth full of glee;

As she glided along lightly she made a surprise;

But her plan, by the chirp of a bird, was betrayed,

That she had come to the earth where she would be played.

He heard it, and rose up, defiant and stern;

This lively intruder to see and to learn;

But just as he'd opened his mouth to speak,

His heart beat so fast, so strong, so clear,

For a vision of beauty, his eye had caught,

A vision he never had dreamt of or thought.

Sweet beautifull spring ! with her multi-wreathed face,

Sweet beauty ! with her eyes so bright;

She would be the last to be led astray;

And by frown thought to do, so easy, in part;

She saw this, subduced, but stepped up the nearer,

The birds sang their throats all for music the clearer,

And she gave the old man such a kiss, warm and sweet,

That he closed his eyes, and fell down at her feet.

Concord, N. H.

CELLA.

Zion's Herald.

A TOUCHING SCENE.

Another kindest beside the child.

On which a sufferer lay;

The glad light of the cottage home

Was soon to pass away.

Her sobbing waked the little child,

Who raised its languid eye;

"Mother, the angels soon will come

To bear me to the sky."

"They told me in the Sunday School

Of Lazarus, sick and poor,

Who lay forgotten all the day

Beside a rich man's door.

"To bear his spotless spirit home,

There came a scrupulous hand,

That took him from his sufferings here,

To sit at God's right hand."

"They'll fold me in their folds,

And heavenward swiftly fly ;

O mother, with my home in view,

It is not hard to die."

"You will not sorrow that I go

A little while before,

For I will watch to welcome you

Upon that happy shore.

"Tell my dear teacher of my love,

When I am gone away ;

Her gentleness and care for me

I never can repay.

"I'm going—she will come to me,

When all her toll is over,

And we shall spend eternity."

Her father listened while she spoke,

His tears fell on her face;

He murmured that the lovely flower

Was snatched from his embrace.

That father, though he loved his child,

Forgot his God to love,

He sought a treasure on the earth,

Nor cared for one above.

They grieved close around the child,

They grieve on her brows—

She clasps her eyes again,

No more to see the light,

And whispered as she sank in death,

"Good night, dear ones, good night!"

Wayne, Me., March, 1858.

FOR Zion's Herald.

I LONG TO BE THERE!

I long to be there ! in that world of delight,

Where man is unshod to a gloomy-faced night;

That moon that shall dawn with a mournful gleam,

When we're past the dead waves of the dark-rolling stream.

I long to be there ! where day shudders not,

And the shadows and foldings of earth are forgot;

Where the sunlight would seem a dark-hoovering breath;

Mid the glory that dwells with our heavenly King.

I long to be there ! not a throb of pain,

Nor a heartache shall torture the spirit again;

Nor a friend shall forsake, nor a farewell be spoke,

Nor a link in love's chain through eternity broke.

I long to be there ! so these musals shall cease

To banish the present, sweet sing of peace !

So the grief-field that swells with a constant smart,

Shall be rolled far away from this sigh-heaving breast;

I long to be there ! on one heaven-blest beam;

To hold the present, sweet sing of peace !

Until a long for that home "bove the cloud-curtained sky."

UNION, N. H.

ANGIE B.

Religious Experience.

THE MORALIST CONVINCED.

In a certain town in the northern part of Ohio,

a minister had been prayerfully administering

the word of God, for some time, in hope that it

would bring about a sudden conversion of

impenitent persons who frequented the sanctuary.

At length the expected harvest came,

and among other converts, were older persons, embittered Unitarians, skeptics and bad-livers, who had wandered for many years from the path of duty.

After the protracted meeting had been closed, which had been the result of the revival, there were still a few converts left.

One of these converts, Mr. L., aged about 35, who had been left entirely unconverted. He was a moralist of a peculiar stamp, i.e., of course, and exactness.

He was a true Christian, regular and yet supported by himself had no need of personal grace.

He was a regular attendant at church on the Sabbath, and observed that day more strictly than most of his professors.

He was a kind husband to his wife, who was perfectly upright in her transactions, and meant to be the ornament of son, husband, brother and father.

In consequence of his piety, he was present at every meeting, the converts held two weekly meetings for concert and prayer; one on Friday evening.

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